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**There is Dancing in the Street in Nenana!**

8/6/06 – This September marks the 17<sup>th</sup> annual National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. In honor of this important issue, the Wellness In Nenana Coalition is sponsoring Dancing in the Street on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Beginning at 3pm with a parade, a community dinner will follow at 5pm. To top off the celebration, there will be a sober Street Dance at 7pm.

Parade activities will take place on A Street from the Visitor's Center to the Depot, and will include tricycles and bikes, floats, our wonderful City of Nenana Fire Truck, people and pets, and possibly a cow - anyone and everyone is welcome to take part in our parade to support recovery! Please contact Maryellen Kanayurak at 907-590-1392 if you or your organization would like take part in the Recovery Parade.

Community Dinner activities begin at 5pm in the James Coghill Civic Center. Dinner will be provided free of charge to all who desire to break bread with their friends and neighbors. Covered dishes are welcome, but not necessary. If anyone would like to donate time or food to our dinner, or needs more information, please contact Mike Anderson at 907-832-2000.

The Street Dance will begin at 7pm on A Street. The band will be set up in front of the Civic Center for our dancing pleasure, and non-alcoholic beverages and snacks will be served. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed outdoors at this street dance, so everyone, even the smallest of children, will be able to dance in front of the band! In the event of rain, the band will move indoors in the Civic Center. For more information or to volunteer to help out, please contact Laura Vance at 907-832-5557.

Let us take this opportunity to honor those in recovery – even those who are just thinking about recovery. It is clear that drug and alcohol addictions are equal opportunity diseases. People in recovery from these diseases come from all walks of life and deserve to be treated with kindness and respect for fighting to win one of the hardest battles that there is.

Reconnect with the positive and creative side of life – join us for Dancing in the Street!